government Labour Department have been engaged for specific work relating to contract Labour and Industrial Relations and liaison with Bihar Government at various levels.

(c) The persons have been engaged for specific work of purely temporary nature for a period of maximum one year and they would cease to be associated with Bokaro Steel Plant once work is completed. Their work has been of significant use to the Plant as they have considerable specialised experience in their recessive fields.

(d) Since the re-employed officers are not in regular establishment of Bokaro Steel Plant, the interests of the employees are in no way hampered due to the engagement of advisers.

Joint Venture of Frigoscandia

7044. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Frigoscandia of Sweden has proposed to set up a joint venture in the country with collaboration of Winner Technology of India,

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith terms of joint venture;

(c) whether proposed joint venture is likely to improve the processing methods in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof with prospects of exports thereof;

(e) whether the Government have taken any decision on the proposed joint venture; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the location proposed for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries or the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals, Ministry of Industry.

(b) to (f). Do not arise.

IFC Investment in Private Sector Steel Plants

7045. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that International Finance corporation's principal regional economist called on the Senior Officials of the Steel Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the I.F.C is currently planning to invest in three private sector projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Ministry was given to understand that IFC would be ready to invest in iron and steel projects in the private sector. Proposals to invest in a pelletisation project of M/S. ESSAR, Sponge Iron Project of M/s. Nippon Denro and TISCO's 3rd phase modernisation/expansion project were reported to be under their consideration .

Financial Crisis in Desu

7046. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: